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Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1934
Education: San Francisco State 1959 BA; Boalt Hall 1962 JD
Began Service: February 16, 1988

Military Service: United States Army (1952-1955)

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Richard T. Ford
Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1930
Education: Hastings 1958
Began Service: January 1, 1988

Military Service: United States Army

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Vaughn R. Walker
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1944
Education: Michigan 1966 AB; Stanford 1970 JD
Began Service: February 5, 1990
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Robert J. Kelleher, United States District Court for the Central District of California (1971-1972)

Legal Practice: Associate, Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro (1972-1977); Partner, Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro (1978-1990)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Conference of Federal Trial Judges; American Judicature Society; American Law Institute; Judicial Advisory Board; Northern District of California Historical Society; Stanford Law Society; St. Francis Foundation

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Education: Texas 2005 JD

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Marilyn Hall Patel
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1938
Education: Wheaton (IL) 1959 BA; Fordham 1963 JD
Began Service: 1980
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Government: Attorney, Immigration and Naturalization Service, United States Department of Justice (1967-1971)

Judicial: Judge, Alameda County Municipal Court (1976-1980)

Legal Practice: Benson & Morris (1963-1964); Corporation Trust Company (1964-1967); Private Practice (1964-1967); Private Practice (1972-1976)

Current Memberships: American Judicature Society; American Bar Association; National Women Judges Association

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Education: Boalt Hall 2004 JD

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James Ware
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Cal Lutheran 1969 BA;
Stanford 1972 JD
Began Service: 1990
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Academic: Visiting Professor, California Lutheran University (1980)

Judicial: Judge, California Superior Court, Santa Clara County (1988-1990)

Legal Practice: Associate, Ritchey, Fisher, Whitman & Klein (1972-1977); Partner, Ritchey, Fisher, Whitman & Klein (1977-1988)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve (1972-1987)

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Sandra Brown Armstrong
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Cal State (Fresno) 1969 BA; U San Francisco 1977 JD
Began Service: June 21, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Political Affiliation: Republican

Academic: Conductor, Judicial Training Workshops, New Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (1997)

Government: Policewoman, Oakland Police Department (1970-1977); Deputy District Attorney, Alameda County, California (1977-1979); Senior Consultant, California Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice (1979-1980); Deputy District Attorney, Alameda County, California (1980-1982); Prosecutor, Public Integrity Section, United States Department of Justice (1982-1983); Member, United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (1983-1986); Member, United States Parole Commission (1986-1989)

Judicial: Judge, California Superior Court, Alameda County (1989-1991)

Legal Practice: Insurance Claim Representative, Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. (1969-1970)

Current Memberships: Alameda County Bar Association; American Bar Association; California Bar Association; California Judges Association; Charles Houston Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; National Association of Women Judges; National Bar Association; National Council of Negro Women; Wiley Manuel Bar Association

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Ronald M. Whyte
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
Education: Wesleyan U 1964 AB; USC 1967 JD
Began Service: 1992
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Judicial: Judge, California Superior County, Santa Clara County (1989-1992)

Legal Practice: Nichols, Stead, Boileau & Lamb (1967-1968); Associate then Partner, Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel (1971-1989)

Military Service: United States Naval Reserve (1968-1971)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Inn of Court; Association of Business Trial Lawyers of Northern California; California Judges Association; California State Bar; Federal Judges Association; Intellectual Property Inn of Court; Santa Clara County Bar

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Claudia A. Wilken
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Stanford 1971 BA;
Boalt Hall 1975 JD
Began Service: December 1993
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Boalt Hall (1978-1984); Professor, New College School of Law (1980-1985)

Government: Welfare Eligibility Worker, State of California (1971-1972); Assistant Federal Public Defender, State of California (1975-1978)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of California (1983-1993)

Legal Practice: Partner, Wilken & Leverett (1978-1984)

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